

# ***NOS Special Projects Highlights: May 2006***

## **NOAA**

### **NOAA's 200th Celebration Planning**

Continued the 200th planning effort by developing the vision, mission, and goals of the celebration and the overall governance and organizational structure. Prepared for the NOAA Executive Panel (NEP) briefing scheduled for June 6. (Lani Watson)

### **NOAA's 200th Celebration Web Site**

Met with senior management from all NOAA line offices to finalize line office contributions to the 200th Web site, including articles describing office missions and functions. (Emily Crum)



### **15th Coral Reef Task Force Meeting**

Designed and produced meeting materials, including the agenda, name plates, signage, and special awards, for the Coral Reef Task Force meeting on May 4 in Washington, DC. (Gini Kennedy)

### **NOAA's Incident Coordination Center (ICC) Meeting Presentation**

Presented the 2006 ICC GIS Web site to the ICC. The site will support the ICC during the 2006 hurricane season. (Robb Wright)

### **Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IOCM) Vessel Workshop**

Planned and facilitated a one-day workshop focused on identifying future requirements for IOCM vessels. (Tom Culliton)

### **IOOS Planning and Support**

Special Projects staff provided planning and facilitation support to the "IOOS Colloquium," held in Silver Spring on May 17-18, 2006 (Kim Cohen)

## **NOS Program Offices**

### **South Louisiana Regional Portfields Initiative Workshop**

Assisted OCRM and the EPA Brownfields Program in planning and hosting a two-day workshop that provided the opportunity for six Louisiana ports to present needs that might be advanced through federal, state, and local agency partnerships. (Brent Ache)

### **Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) Intranet Web Site Planning**

Collaborating with OR&R staff to develop a storyboard for an internal Web site that will allow OR&R employees to share project and program information. (Jennifer Coletta)



### **Office of Coast Survey (OCS) Web Site Planning**

Assisting the OCS Web team on a plan for developing, serving, and maintaining a new Program Web site. (Davida Remer)

### **Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) (OCS)**

Developed a mockup of a report covering HSRP recommendations from 2003 to 2006. The mockup will be the basis for a draft report to be distributed at the next HSRP meeting in August. (Mike Shelby)

## **NOAA Goal Teams/Programs**

### **Coral Reef Valuation Database (Ecosystem Goal Team, Coral Reef Conservation Program)**

Continued development of the Coral Reef Value Database, which is an effort to compile information from existing literature and data on the socioeconomic aspects of coral reefs and to make that information available and searchable online. (Fay Tang)

### **Coastal and Marine Resources Program (CMRP) Web Site Updates (Ecosystem Goal Team)**

Updated the CMRP internal Web site, including adding an FY 2009 planning calendar, FY 2009 CMRP planning and Program Operating Plan guidance documents, and new contact information. (Emily Crum)

### **Climate and Coastal Resource Management (CCRM) Project (Climate Goal Team)**

Facilitated, in partnership with NOAA's Climate Program Office, a session to explore potential priorities and partnership opportunities for an emerging NOAA research effort focused around the role of climate and climate information in coastal resource management decision making. (Dan Farrow)

## Summary of Current Projects by Client: FY06 (as of May 31)

Client	Active	Proposed	Completed	Estimated Level of Effort* (person years)
<b>NOS</b>	23	5	5	10.7
<b>NOS Program</b>				
<b>Offices</b>	21	7	7	7.7
<b>NOAA</b>	17	8	4	13
<b>NOAA Line Offices</b>	6	1		4.4
<b>NOAA Goal Teams</b>	8	2	2	3.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>39.5**</b>

\*The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

\*\*There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).

**Below is a list of significant new project starts and recently proposed projects for June**

### *New project starts for June*

NOS Liaison to the Mission Goal Teams – NOS

Process design for streamlining the charting process – OCS

Process design and facilitation for NOAA Ocean Council Retreat – NOAA

### *Proposed Projects Program*

Integrated Ocean Mapping GIS development – C&TT

Ecosystem Goal Team Web site design – EGT

Office of Restoration and Response Web site redesign – ORR

Criteria Development for Fleet Allocation Process – NOAA

Redesigning the Coral Program Tracking Data base – Coral Program

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### *An Ocean News Kiosk “enVision”*

Special Projects is coordinating the development of the Ocean News Kiosk, which will be part of the Ocean Hall exhibit, opening September 2008, in the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum. To support this kiosk, an exciting new software package, enVision, is being evaluated to drive the visitor experience. The enVision software allows the visitor to explore kiosk offerings by using the universal pointing object—the human finger. To prepare for the 2008 opening, the curators of Nauticus and the Maryland Science Center have offered to help us prototype and test the kiosk interface as soon as a working version is available. Two additional science museums, the Science Museum of Minnesota and the Tech Museum of Innovation, may also serve as kiosk evaluation sites. We will use the results of all the tests to make the Ocean Hall product the best it can be for the opening.



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